



TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 1, 2006 - 6:00 pm

San Bruno City Hall
567 El Camino Real
San Bruno, CA 94066

MINUTES

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS -

A. ROLL CALL

<u>TSPC Members:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
(Acting Chair) Sol Weiner	X	
(Vice-Chair) Peter Jalilie		X
John Giuseponi	X	
Mark Howard	X	
Doris Maez	X	

Staff in Attendance:

Chris Coles, Public Works Department
Jane Chambers, Public Works Department
Steve Davis, Public Works Department
Frans Lind, Public Works Department
Marc Catalano, Police Department

City Clerk Carol Bonner swore in new committee member Mark Howard, Doris Maez and John Giuseponi. Mark Howard filled the vacancy left by former member Stephen Pieraldi.

Frans Lind introduced Jane Chambers, Interim Public Works Director and Steve Davis, new City Engineer.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved with the following correction noted by Doris Maez, on page 4 of 4 under Item C, second line, change "submitted by a resident that viewed" to "submitted by a resident who viewed". Doris also asked for clarification under Item 7C, page 4, of the statement that the City would have to pay for the equipment and the study time of the individual from the Peninsula Group to install an audible traffic signal at El Camino Real and Crystal Springs Road. Frans Lind responded that the statement was correct as noted in the minutes. Motion to approve with noted changes by Sol Weiner, seconded by Doris Maez (M/Weiner, S/Maez: 3-0-0) Approved. (Committee member Mark Howard abstained from voting.)

3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Doris Maez asked if the striping along Artichoke Joe's had been completed. Frans Lind confirmed that it had been completed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Steve Davis introduced a request from Artichoke Joe's for approximately 246 linear feet of red curb along the east side Huntington Avenue frontage of Artichoke Joe's and a short section of red curbing along the traffic approach to the two existing Huntington Avenue crosswalks near this location.

Frans Lind commented that this red curbing would obliterate the two long sections of yellow curbing that currently exist, as well as four to five parking spaces that exist at this location. This proposed red curbing would also paint over some existing red curbing. The west side of Artichoke Joe's already has red curbing on the southbound direction of Huntington Avenue. Frans recommended extending the east side red curbing as requested.

John Giuseponi asked about the security issues that were mentioned in the report in reference to Artichoke Joe's requesting this additional red curbing. Marc Catalano responded that Artichoke Joe's requested the red curbing as a security barrier.

Doris Maez asked if there is a distance requirement existing in City code for red curbing adjacent to public driveways to make visibility better when exiting? She did not note red curbing along many of the parking lot driveways in the City. Frans responded that locations throughout the City are reviewed on a case-by-case basis, but there is not an existing code requirement for this.

Sol Weiner commented that he went down and viewed the area and he is against their request. A business of their size gets a lot of deliveries and a red zone would create no parking for these vehicles. If there is a security issue, the police department can monitor the issue and then decide at a future date if this is necessary.

Doris Maez motioned to approve the staff recommendation to deny the request for red curbing. Seconded by John Giuseponi. (M/Maez, S/Giuseponi: 3-0-0) Denied

- B. Frans Lind noted while out driving that Whitman Way just west of Cunningham Way has a traffic lane taper and SamTrans bus stop combination and immediately west of the bus stop within the merge lane is an unpainted red curb that allows parking in this merge lane. Cars parked at this location would be blocking the bus stop as well as traffic attempting to merge. There is 68' of existing red curbing from the crosswalk of the intersection along Cunningham Way that leads up to the bus stop. Staff recommends an extension of 75' of red curbing westward from the bus stop to prevent parking at this location.

John Giuseponi asked what the cost would be to install the red curbing? Frans responded it would be about \$300 including staff time.

Mark Howard asked how many parking spaces would be lost? Frans responded three to four spaces from the bus stop forward, but he has not seen anyone parking there recently unless it is after hours.

Doris Maez asked which residents were noticed on this issue? Frans responded that all neighborhoods within 150 feet were noticed, including apartment dwellers.

Mark Howard commented that he hated to lose parking in the area. He asked if there was any accident history at this location to support the recommendation. Marc Catalano responded he does not have any accident history information to present to the Committee.

John Giuseponi also commented that losing parking is an issue. Perhaps a traffic study could be done of the location.

Sol Weiner commented we have an obligation to the safety of the people, so maybe if staff can come back at the January meeting with an accident history of the location and the bus schedule, the Committee can make a better decision at that meeting.

- C. Steve Davis introduced the upcoming schedule for TSPC items. At the staff level, there are a number of items that have been submitted to come before the TSPC that can actually be handled on an administrative level. City staff has reviewed these and narrowed down six specific issues that are outstanding and should be brought before the Committee. We have attempted to schedule those items over the next several meetings, both in the order in which they were received and also based on the amount of staff required to address the issue. The City staff plan is to present a monthly schedule to the Committee with any open or outstanding issues.

John Giuseponi requested that the Committee be informed of any items completed by City staff, even if they are items that can be handled administratively, so the TSPC has a record of those items, such as what was done and where.

Doris Maez commented that several months ago there was a discussion regarding the crosswalks across San Bruno Avenue and the possibility of having just one pedestrian crosswalk instead of multiple ones between 1st and 6th Avenue. What was the outcome of that? Steve Davis stated he and Frans would be taking a comprehensive look at San Bruno Avenue east of El Camino.

Doris Maez also asked for an update on the badly needed paving of San Bruno Avenue since the PG&E Project has been completed. Steve Davis responded that the repaving is part of our arterial street rehabilitation program, and the project will be bid in the spring and the actual re-paving will take place in late spring.

Doris Maez asked about the directional pavement markings on Cherry Avenue and San Bruno Avenue (crossing San Bruno Avenue) are so faded that they need to be repainted, as well as a lot of the lane markings. Steve Davis responded that Frans would be surveying areas in the City to develop a comprehensive maintenance program. This is a priority for City staff.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Tom Hamilton, 3481 Crestmoor Drive, stated that at the September 2006 meeting he had brought up the issue of speeding on Crestmoor Drive. At that meeting, there was discussion of a report being issued regarding the addition of extra speed limit signs and actually painting the speed limit on the pavement. The Committee directed the staff to come back with a report and he wanted to know when this would be done. Frans Lind responded that he was at the location yesterday, reviewing locations

for the two additional speed limit signs and the paving marker locations. Frans was also considering the relocation of some of the school signs on Crestmoor for better visibility as well. Frans stated the report is almost complete, but this is a good amount of work and it may be completed in small phases. Tom Hamilton responded that the first map was shown in July on this issue and it is now November. He stated he has been coming to TSPC meetings for a year and knows that staff is overworked, but at the last meeting it was implied that the work was close to being done. Frans responded that the final installation plan is almost complete and he was checking locations for the actual placement for the work. Sol Weiner commented that Frans is very approachable and he will respond to any phone call or request.

John Giuseponi asked if Steve Davis was aware of this issue. Steve responded that he is, but with the rainy weather there are priorities for City staff to maintain areas for winterization and prevent flooding. The work will not be put off for months, but it will not happen in the next two weeks.

Mark Howard commented that the Crestmoor area just went under a speed survey, so a lot of money was spent to investigate the issue. There were delays because of the speed study. John Giuseponi wanted to remind everyone that someone was killed up there because of speed, at that is a bigger priority than flooding. If this has been going on for a year, something needs to get done quickly.

Ken Ibarra stated the City needs to remind residents that they go too fast when traveling in certain areas. We need education as well as using speed monitors or other equipment.

Lyn Ward, Second Avenue, stated coming out from all the Avenues from Seventh to First to Angus, residents need more space then what is given when you come out of the Avenues onto Angus. Drivers cannot see what is coming, particularly at 1st and Angus when cars come over the railroad tracks. There is going to be an accident there and there is no visibility there. She also thanked City staff for the new crosswalks at Third and Angus where the children go to school.

Sol Weiner thanked the resident for being an involved resident and confirmed that they would review this issue and get it on the agenda.

Frans Lind commented that there has been some action for red curb along southbound 1st Avenue.

Jane Chambers clarified that City staff is aware of her concerns, which were shared at another meeting, and no further action is required by the resident.

Patricia Cativo, 973 Huntington Ave #1, stated she is a member of ACORN and stated they are concerned about the need for a traffic light at Sixth Avenue and would like to request speed bumps on Third Avenue. There have been a lot of accidents on Third Avenue and there are a lot of kids coming from school and the cars are going too fast.

Sol Weiner responded that the traffic light request for Sixth Avenue is on the agenda for February 2007. In regards to speed bumps, there is a pilot program on Cypress that is being reviewed. Speed bumps are not the only answer for speed control, but with speed bumps, there needs to be a speed study done and this takes some time.

Cassandra Martins, 848 6th Avenue, is concerned about a few issues on Sixth Avenue. The stop light issue is one, as well as parking on 6th. There are a number of car repair businesses being operated in the area and they park the cars they are working on in front of our homes, blocking driveways, and leaving no parking for the residents. The car repair vehicles are driven very fast down 6th and there are children living on the street and it makes it very unsafe for them. The children cross the street at 6th Avenue and San Bruno Avenue and it is very unsafe.

Marc Catalano responded that if the police are contacted regarding vehicles blocking a resident's driveway, they would make the owner move the car. Ms. Martins responded that she has contacted the police, and they do come out and talk to the auto repair business. The cars get moved, but they do not get ticketed, so they do not learn a lesson.

Jane Chambers responded that City staff received a petition from ACORN signed by residents in the community regarding the signal at Sixth Avenue and the concern for the children crossing there. The parking issue and the issue with the auto repair shop are new items being brought to the City's attention.

Jose Rodriguez, 876 6th Avenue, stated that every time they make a turn on 6th Avenue and San Bruno Avenue there is a problem. There is a body shop there that is always blocking parking and a limousine that parks there as well. They leave the cars for three or four days.

Alice Barnes, 5th Avenue, wanted to thank the City staff for the work done on the speeding on 5th that has been done so far. She is also a member of ACORN. She has noticed tremendous safety improvements on Angus at the railroad track. The residents and City staff have been working with the Joint Powers Board for six years for these improvements. She would like to have the TSPC ask the City Council to write a letter to Mike Scanlon at the JPB thanking him for the improvements. The City staff has done a great job. Sol Weiner commended Alice for the involvement she takes in the community.

Ana Espinoza, 552 1st Avenue, would like to request speed bumps to alleviate the speeders that fly down the street for Belle Air school drop off or the vehicles from Melody Toyota. Sol Weiner reiterated that speed bumps are in the pilot program phase and are not being approved beyond this program as yet.

Walter Skinner, 275 Huntington Avenue, stated he is an ACORN member and would like to request enhancements for pedestrian safety at Sixth and San Bruno Avenue. Crossing lights with buttons along the street in the crosswalk would help. He thanked the City for installing the STOP sign at San Felipe and Huntington, which has helped the speeding there. He'd like to see the speed sign installed there so residents are aware of how fast they are going.

Resident, no address given, lives near the 380 overpass near Herman and Huntington and she would like to request a stop light there. The speeding and the accidents in that location are very bad.

9. ADJOURNMENT –

Motion: To adjourn the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee (TSPC) meeting until it's next regular scheduled meeting on December 6, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

(M/Giuseponi, S/Weiner): 4-0-0 - Approved. Meeting Adjourned, 7:10 pm.